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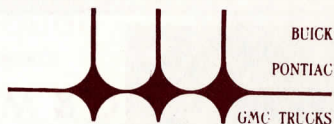


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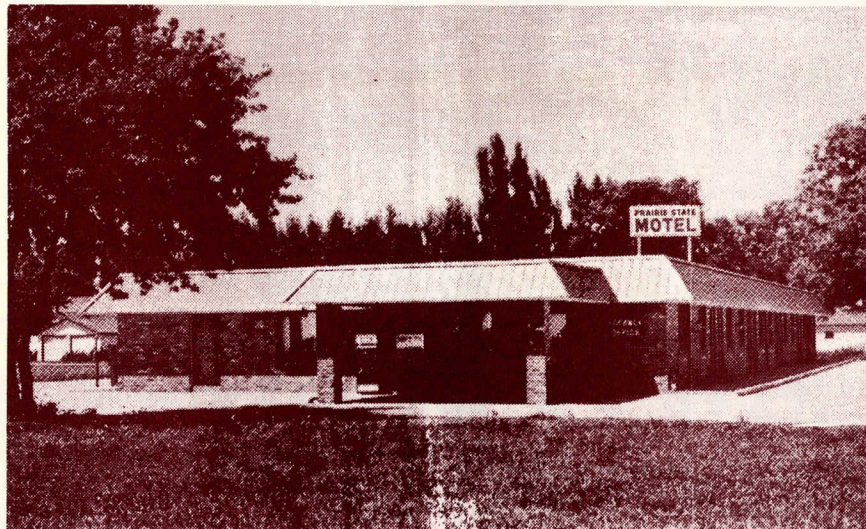
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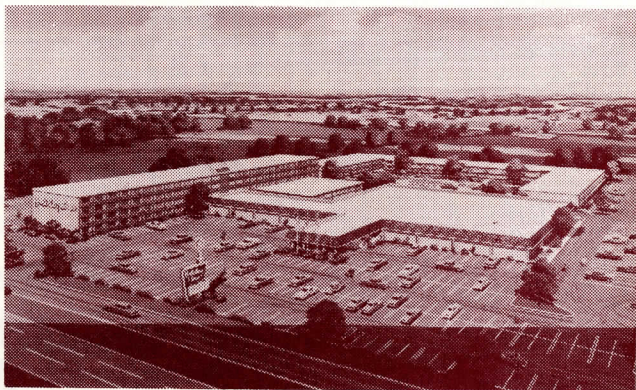
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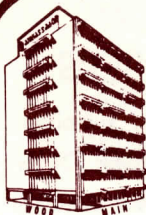
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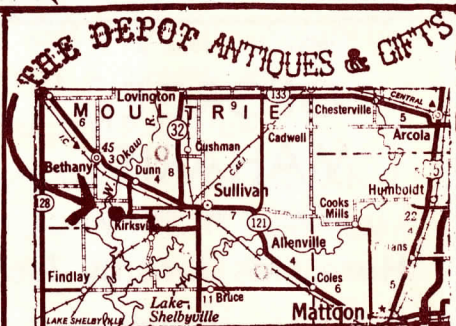
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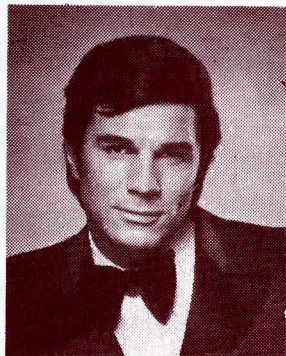
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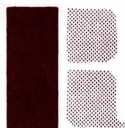
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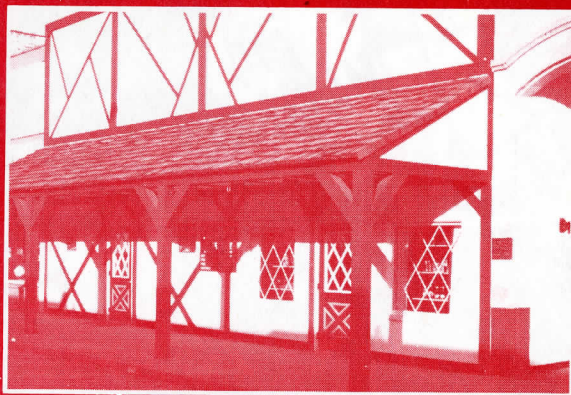
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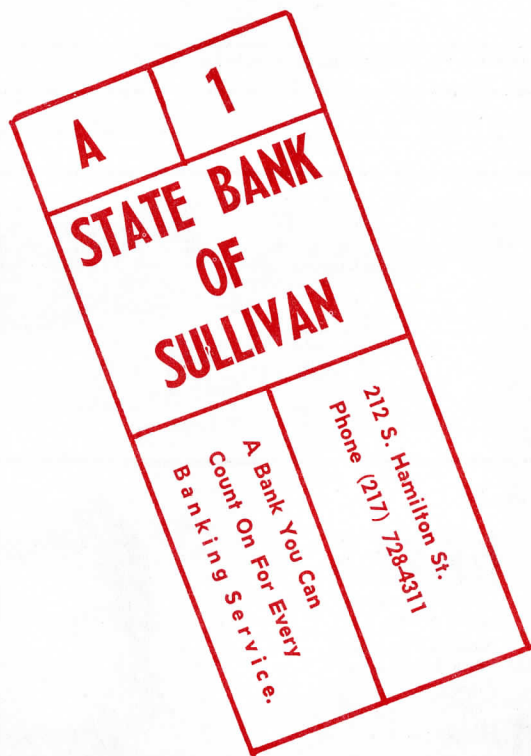
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LOUIS W. SCHEEDER directed last season's hit, *1776*, at The Little Theatre-On The Square. He is currently the Associate Producer of the Folger Theatre Group at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C. where he has directed more than half of the productions including the American premiere of

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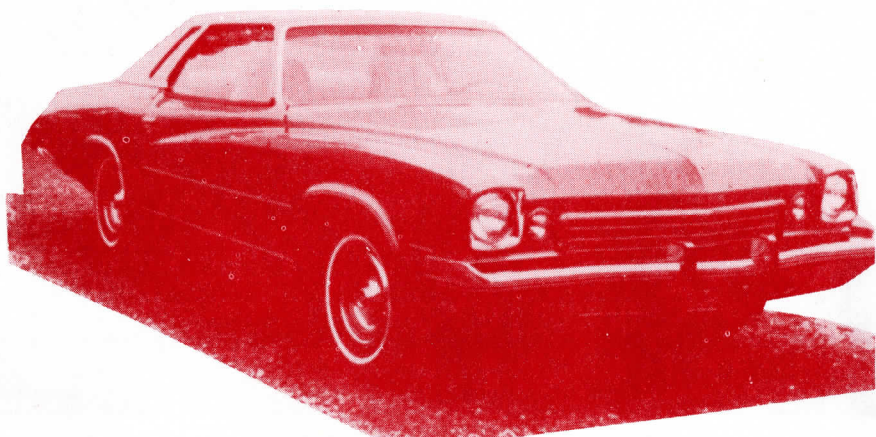
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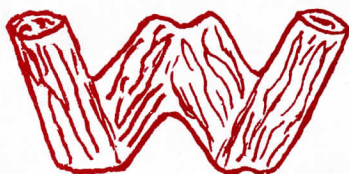
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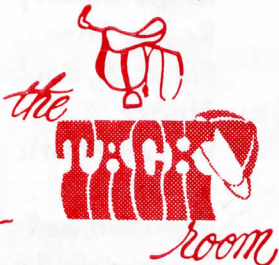


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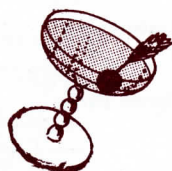
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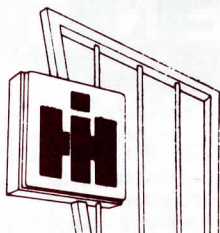
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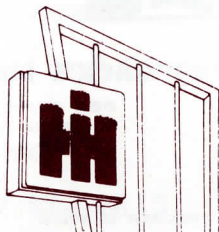
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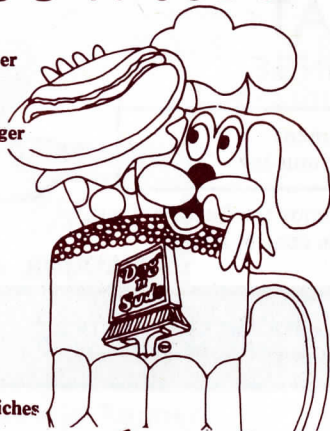
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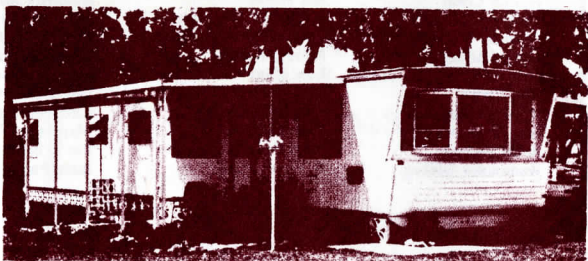
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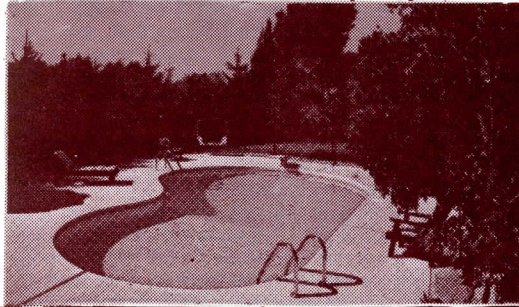
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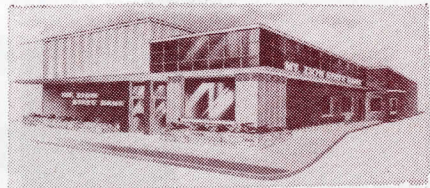
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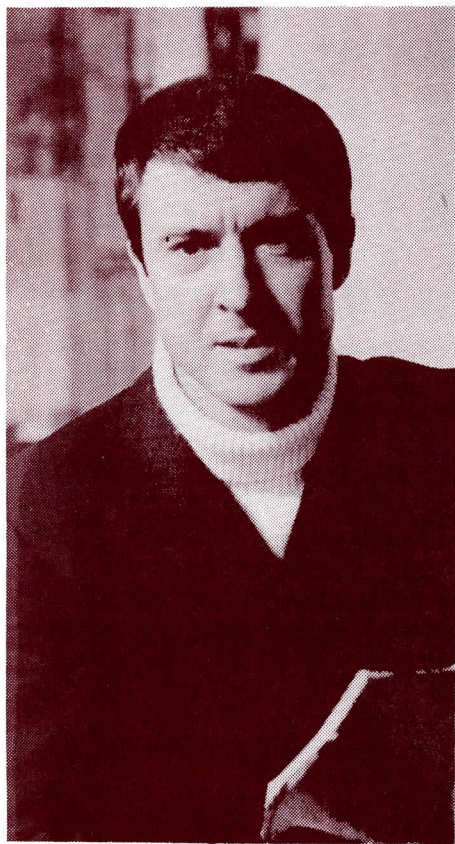
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Although Mr. Little was "new" in the position of being a producer, his educational and working background prepared him well for the purpose. While at the University of Miami, he spent three seasons with the

famed Miami Opera Guild, appearing in support of leading Metropolitan Opera singers. While still in high school, he completed three seasons as a performer and technician at leading theatres in the East. Now, after sixteen years, he has become a pivotal influence in the world of professional stock theatre and in the lives of hundreds of young theatre-minded aspirants. He has brought one hundred and eighty one major productions to Central Illinois audiences. From a total attendance in 1957 of 8,000, 1972 brought nearly 100,000 patrons to The Little Theatre-On The Square!

In addition to casting, staffing and producing all of the productions at The Little Theatre-On The Square, Mr. Little has presented musicals on tour throughout the Mid-west and has served as producer at the Sombrero Playhouse in Phoenix and the Piccolo Playhouse in Joliet. This past winter, Mr. Little served as Production Stage Manager at the Coconut Grove Playhouse in Miami for three months, working with Howard Keel, Frank Gorshin, Hume Cronyn, Jessica Tandy, and Shelley Winters. 1973 marks Mr. Little's 22nd year of working in professional theatre.

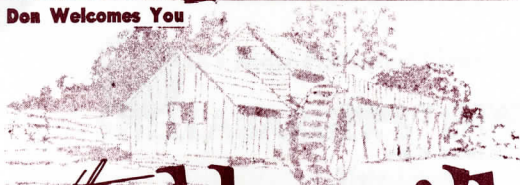
In February and March each year, the busy producer auditions and interviews over four hundred people for performing talent and staff positions in New York, Chicago and Sullivan. Approximately one hundred and fifty of these are apprentice applicants out of which twenty to thirty are selected for professional training in Sullivan in all phases of theatre. Only the most experienced and talented staff heads are engaged to assist in training the young apprentice company each season.

Although Mr. Little occasionally appears in a production, little does the general public know the "behind-the-scene" story about this energetic man. He assists in all areas of the theatre, giving a helping hand in any and all departments. He might be seen working at his desk a few moments before a performance, greeting patrons as the doors are opened, taking orders on the box office phones, sewing the last minute touches on a costume, putting on make-up for a walk-on part in the show, dashing home to put some delectable dish together for later in the evening for the star and company after the show, taping a radio or television interview or one of a hundred other things!

Mr. Little has been blessed with a family, mother, father, wife and children who are all talented in varied fields. Mr. Little, Sr., actually is a Farm Manager although, he laughingly refers to himself as "a-dollar-a-year-man" as he goes about the duties of business manager for the theatre. Mrs. Little, Sr. has appeared in several earlier productions as well as handling the duties of box office manager. Jerili Little has appeared in over sixty productions at The Little Theatre-On The Square and is acclaimed in other leading theatres for starring roles. Vanessa has held her professional Actors' Equity Card for seven years and has appeared in many Sullivan productions and Sean has also been in many of the major shows and Children's Theatre productions.

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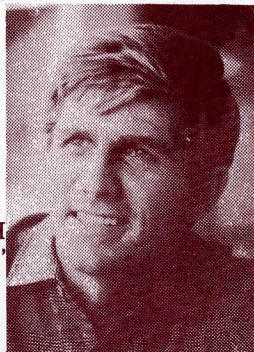
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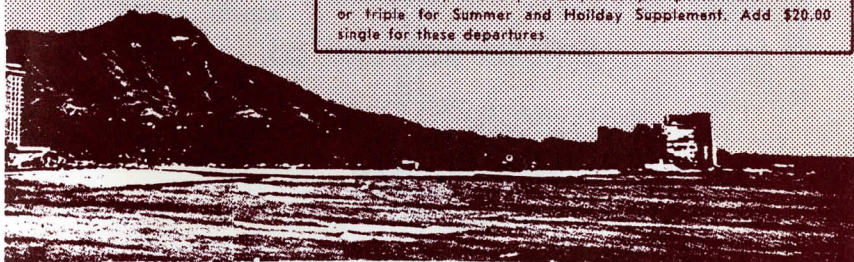
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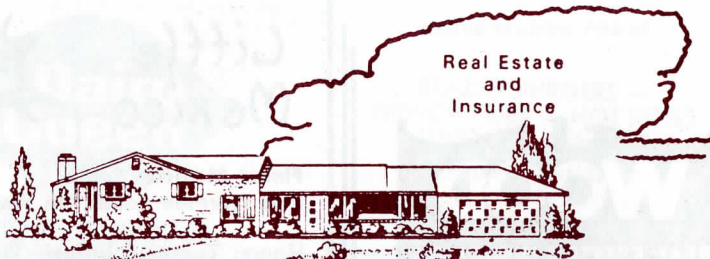


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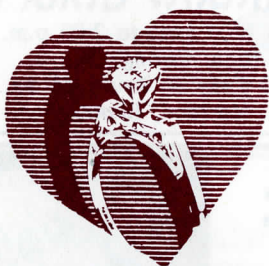
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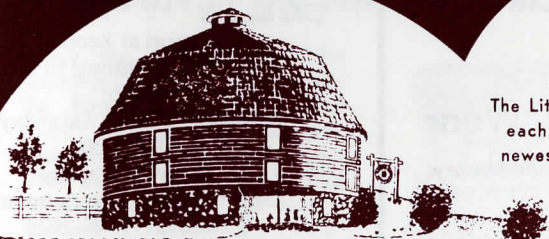
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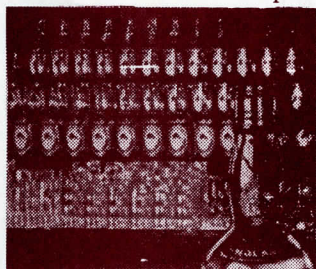
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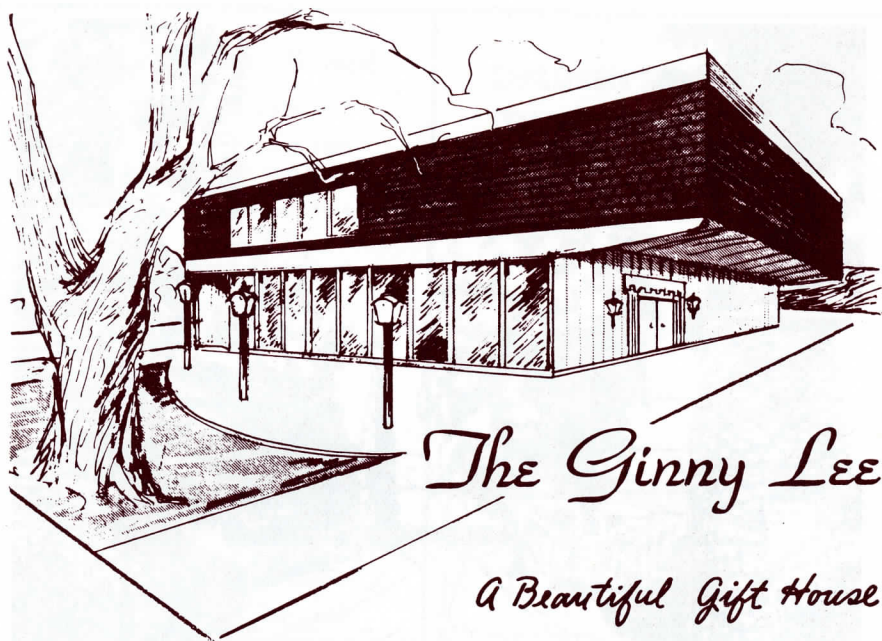
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Who's Who in the Cast . . .

ROSEMARY PRINZ (Margo Channing) has become a national byword in American homes as a result of her creating the character of Penny on CBS-TV's indefatigable serial, *As The World Turns* and a central Illinois favorite at The Little Theatre-On The Square since her first appearance as Jennifer in the musical, *Paint Your Wagon* in 1961. Since her Sullivan debut, Miss Prinz has set many records for Guy S. Little, Jr., Producer. She is the only star to have opened The Little Theatre-On The Square for three seasons, she has made more appearances than any other star, has played to capacity houses each time she has appeared and is the only star to make three appearances during one season! Since 1961, her Sullivan appearances have been in *The Unsinkable Molly Brown* in 1963, *Kind Sir* in 1964, *Mary, Mary* in 1965, *Lullaby* in 1966, *A Girl Could Get Lucky* in 1967, *Annie Get Your Gun* in 1969, *I Do! I Do!*, *13 Rue de L'Amour* and *Last Of The Red Hot Lovers*, all in 1972.

Miss Prinz made her stage debut at the age of sixteen and found her "first love" . . . the theatre. Although she made it to Broadway in record time to appear with Arlene Francis in *Late Love* and Louis Jourdan in *Tonight In Samarkand*, she spent several years before, performing in summer theatres throughout the country. Holding reign as 'Penny' until 1968, she made it an important part of her contract to be released periodically for theatre appearances. Currently starring on Broadway in *The Prisoner Of Second Avenue*, she has been granted a three weeks leave of absence to star in the Sullivan production of *Applause*.

Since her absence from the daily TV show, Miss Prinz has also starred on Broadway in the revival of *Three Men On A Horse*, at which time she also starred in ABC-TV's *All My Children*. Her most recent TV appearance was in the 90 minute ABC special, *Courtroom One*.

JAY STUART (Bill Sampson) made his debut as Lancelot at The Little Theatre-On The Square this season with George Chakiris in *Camelot*. Mr. Stuart was featured on Broadway in *Applause* and in *Cry For Us All*. He was the leading man in Richard Rodgers' New York revival of *The Boys From Syracuse* and co-starred with Ray Bolger on tour in *The Happy Time*. He has played both Don Quixote and Dr. Carrasco in five companies of *The Man Of La Mancha* and has appeared in leading theatres throughout the country in many musicals, playing Edward Rutledge in *1776*, Michael in *I Do! I Do!*, Nick Arnstein in *Funny Girl*, Gentlemen Prefer Blondes with Mamie Van Doren, and the leading man in *Can-Can*, *On A Clear Day You Can See Forever* and *The Fantasticks*.

JOHN KELSO (Buzz Richards) returns to The Little Theatre-On The Square for his twelfth season after a stint at a Texas dinner theatre where he directed Andy Devine in *Never Too Late* and Abby Dalton in *Mary, Mary*, winning rave reviews for both his acting and directing. Last season, John delighted Sullivan audiences as Barney in *Last of the Red Hot Lovers* with Rosemary Prinz, Sir Evelyn in *Anything Goes* with Frank Sutton, Dr. Dreyfuss in *Promises, Promises* with Peter Palmer and in a variety of other roles in other musicals. He also directed Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien in *Paris Is Out*, the 38th production he has staged here. This season, he played the part of Col. Sir Francis Chesney in *Charley's Aunt*, the Police Inspector in *Irma La Douce* and Pellinore in *Camelot*. Mr. Kelso has appeared in theatres from Maryland to Montana,

playing well over 100 roles with as many stars in the past 12 years. Sullivan area reviewers long ago dubbed him a "Sullivan Favorite."

JERILI LITTLE (Karen Richards) has won her way into the hearts of Sullivan audiences for the seventeen years of the theatre's existence in virtually all types of roles as an actress, singer and dancer. Her most recent co-starring role was with Bill Hayes last season in *1776* and *Promises, Promises*, although she has appeared in over sixty major roles at The Little Theatre-On The Square as well as other leading theatres in the midwest. Recent memorable performances were as Aldonza in *Man Of La Mancha* opposite Bruce Yarnell and as Blanche in *A Streetcar Named Desire* opposite David Canary.

KATHY TAYLOR (Eve Harrington) was hailed by audiences and critics alike for her outstanding voice and acting as Guenevere in *Camelot* opposite George Chakiris earlier this season. Miss Taylor who hails from Denver, Colorado, is a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado and has proved to be one of the most talented and popular ingenues at The Little Theatre-On The Square since she made her debut last season as Mrs. Adams in *Forty Carats* with June Lockhart. Following performances last season were as Arlene Kander in *Paris Is Out!* with Pat O'Brien, Hope in *Anything Goes* with Frank Sutton, Hodel in *Fiddler On The Roof* with Shelley Berman, Peggy Olson in *Promises, Promises* with Peter Palmer, April in *Company* with Janis Paige and *Lion In Winter* with Helen Wagner and Donald May.

JOEY PATTON (Duane Fox) is incredibly type-cast in this part as Margo's hairdresser since he is, in addition to being an actor-singer-dancer, a professional hair stylist. In fact, he is Miss Prinz' hair stylist in *Applause* as well as her Broadway production of *Prisoner Of Second Avenue*. Mr. Patton has been a performer since the age of four when he was in the National Company of *Life With Mother* and he was one of the *Mouseteaters* many years ago. He is an accomplished choreographer, performing in this capacity and appearing in productions of *Hello, Dolly!* with Gisele MacKenzie, *George M!* with David Canary, *Fiddler On The Roof* with Shelley Berman and *Irma La Douce* with Rosemary Prinz. He appeared in the New York production of Gertrude Stein's *First Reader* and the National Tour of *The Apple Tree*. His most recent credits include directing and choreographing *Man Of La Mancha* at New London Barn Playhouse, appearing as the Fiddler in *Fiddler On The Roof*, and he was the "M.C." in *Cabaret* at the British-Canadian Festival.

JAMES PAUL (Howard Benedict) was the "gavel-pounding" John Hancock in last season's musical, *1776*, starring Bill Hayes at The Little Theatre-On The Square and played the part of Brassett in this season's *Charley's Aunt* and *Polyte-Le-Mou*, in *Irma La Douce*. At the St. Louis Municipal Opera, he has been featured in *Fiddler On The Roof* with Herschel Bernardi, *South Pacific* with Jerome Hines, *Anything Goes* with Ann Miller, *The Student Prince* with Hans Conreid and *The Sound Of Music* with Jane Powell and Joseph Campanella. Then he turned to directing a production of *Mame*. This spring, he portrayed the part of Roy in *The Odd Couple* for the new Barn Dinner Theatre in St. Louis. Each winter Mr. Paul teaches dramatics at a private girl's school in St. Louis.

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